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Art Unit	3682
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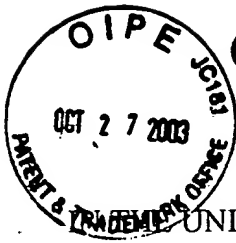
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Sir:

Applicants file the accompanying Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) to obtain elaboration from the Examiner regarding his justification of the anticipation rejection and to obtain entry of the September 26, 2003 Amendment to claim 3.

Although the Examiner indicated during the September 24, 2003 telephone interview that he would enter the amendment to claim 3, he denied entry via the October 10, 2003 Advisory Action, and he did not explain why changed his position. Subsequent telephone inquiries by the undersigned to the Examiner-of-record yielded no explanation as of the time and date of this submission.

Applicants also submit the RCE for elaboration of the Examiner's position regarding the anticipation rejection of claim 1. The Examiner did not send an interview summary report in response to the June 24, 2003 telephone interview, and the Advisory Action did not confirm or assert disagreement in the applicants' interview summary provided in the September 26, 2003 submission.

In response to the present RCE, applicants request the Examiner now fully comment on his rationale for maintaining the anticipation rejection of claim 1 in view of applicants' remarks in the September 26, 2003 submission. For example, as requested on page 10 of the submission, applicants request the citation of the MPEP section that the Examiner relies upon to support his decision to disregard the quoted feature of the claim.

The examples provided above are not meant to be limiting. Applicant requests that, as the response to this RCE, the Examiner will fully respond to applicants arguments presented during the 24, 2003 interview and also to those presented with the September 26, 2003 Amendment.

Applicants maintain that the anticipation rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowability is now requested. If for any reason it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension, or any other fees which may be due, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph L. Felber', written in a cursive style.

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